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EO 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: PARACEL ISLAND DISPUTE

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1. AUSTRALIAN PRESS HAS REPORTED FACTUALLY ON DEVELOP-

MENTS CONNECTED WITH PRC SEIZURE OF PARACELS, BUT NO EDITORIAL COMMENT SO FAR. LETTER TO EDITOR IN AUSTRALIAN JAN. 30 SEIZED ON INCIDENT TO DENOUNCE THIEU GOVERNMENT AS IMPERIALIST AND ALSO ATTACKED ITS ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF AGREEMENT ON ENDING WAR IN VIET-NAM.

2. LABOR GOVERNMENT IN AUSTRALIA WILL CERTAINLY TAKE NO RPT NO ACTION CRITICAL OF PRC ON THIS ISSUE, BOTH BECAUSE OF HIGH VALUE IT ATTACHES TO GOOD RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST CHINA AND RELATIVELY LOW VALUE IT ATTACHES TO RELATIONS WITH REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM.  
GOA WELL AWARE OF LONG-STANDING, CONFLICTING CLAIMS OF NORTH AND SGTH VIET-NAM, COMMUNIST AND NATIONALIST CHINA, AND PHILIPPINES TO ARCHIPELAGOES IN SOUTH CHINA SEA AND WILL PROBABLY SEEK TO AVOID INVOLVEMENT.

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